



HORSHAM'S CHILDREN 2019

A DATA SNAPSHOT

Horsham Rural City Council understands the importance of early years in establishing the foundation for life success. Investment at this early stage in life has the greatest opportunity for impact and benefit for, not only the child, but to the community in general.

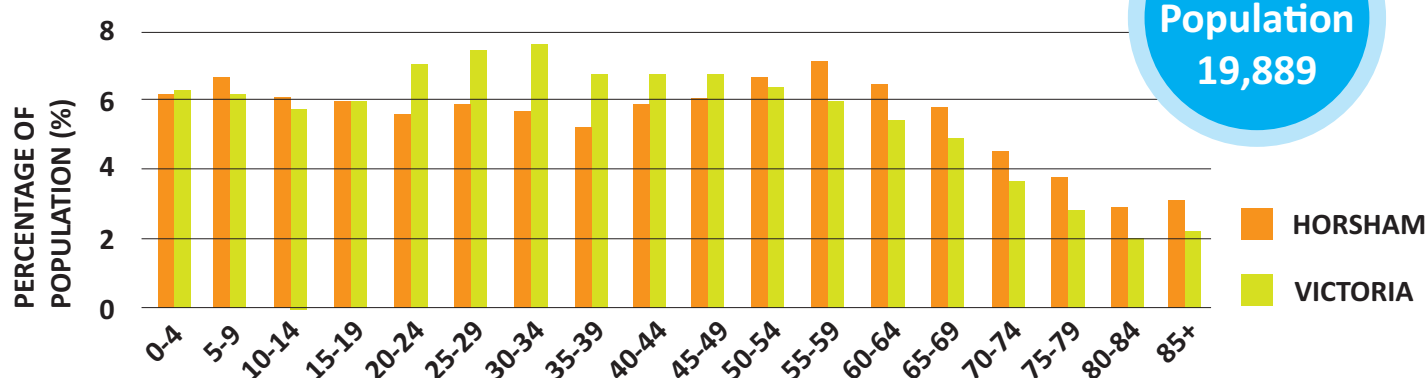
Horsham's Children 2019 – A DATA SNAPSHOT, provides an insight into how children are faring in Horsham RC. Municipal Early Years Plans (EYP) are place-based and acknowledge the importance of being data driven to ensure the EYP is responsive to the individual municipality needs. This snapshot acknowledges the systems approach, in that each of the social, built, economic and natural environments can influence a child's development in learning, health

and wellbeing. As Council has an oversight into each of these areas, it can play a unique role in facilitating partnerships to achieve the best outcomes for the community. As such, data across these areas has been compiled to outline the profile of children in Horsham.

This Snapshot has been used to inform HRCC's EYP to ensure it is data based and best positioned to support Horsham's children to succeed in life.

Horsham rural city population

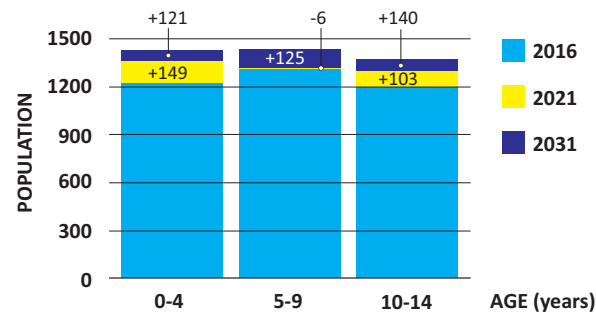
HORSHAM AGE PROFILE – 2017^A



Horsham rural city population continued...

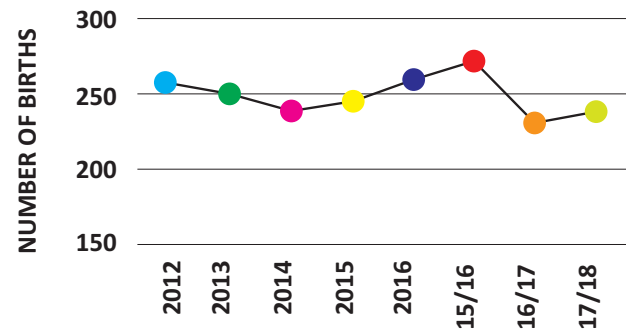
Total Population of Horsham RC in 2031 - 21,793.
Estimated population change to be 9.6%^B

NUMBER OF POPULATION PER AGE GROUP (CHANGE IN POPULATION)



Birth rates in Horsham have fluctuated between the years 2000 and 2017 as seen to the right. However there has been an increase of 12% across this period vs the birth rate in non-metro Victoria of 28%.

BIRTH RATES IN HORSHAM RC^J



Birthrate in age group 15-19 years - 2017^K

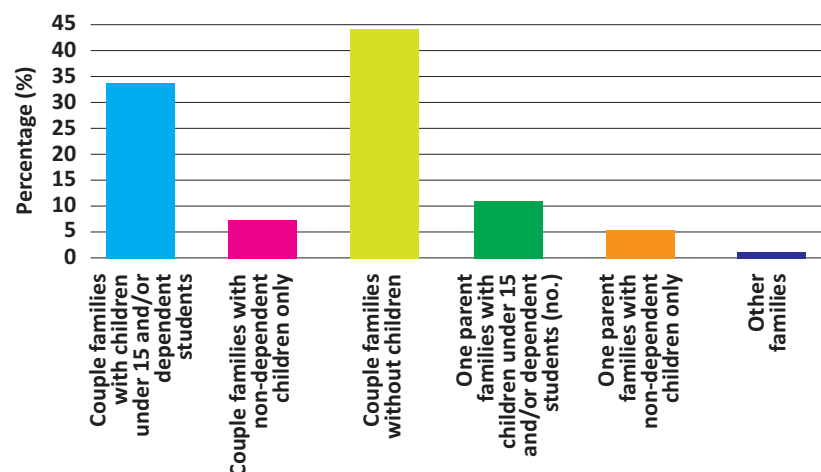


This birthrate has decreased by 14% since 2000.

What do Horsham families look like?

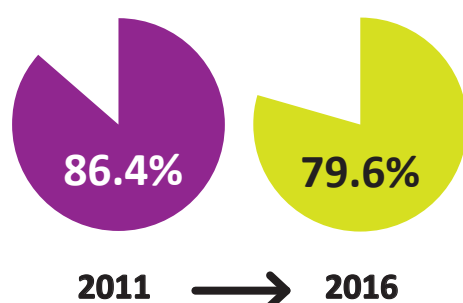
Horsham family composition has remained relatively constant from 2011 to 2016 with an approximate 2% increase of families with children (both couple and one parent). The family composition is quite similar to the Victorian average, however, there is slightly more one parent with children under 15 years old in Horsham.^A

FAMILY COMPOSITION - HORSHAM RC 2016



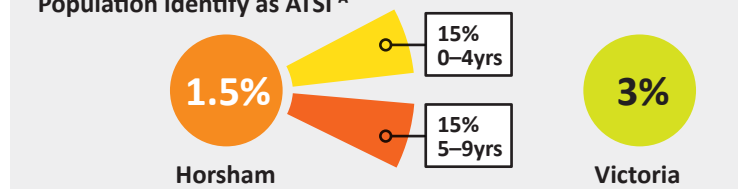
Culturally and linguistically diverse communities

Percentage of children in Horsham with both parents born in Australia.^A



The cultural and linguistic diversity in Horsham is significantly less than the Victorian average. However, Horsham has continued to see a steady increase in population cultural diversity that live and/or work here since the last Census. This signifies the importance for social connection opportunities as it can be isolating for families new to the area. Evidence shows social isolation can lead to or exacerbate poor health, including mental health.

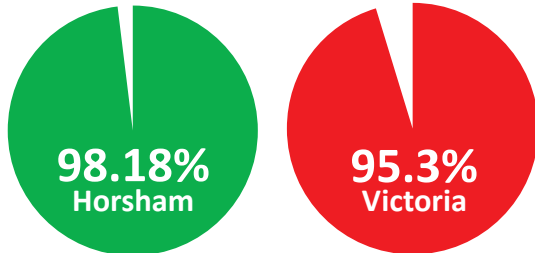
Population identify as ATSI^A



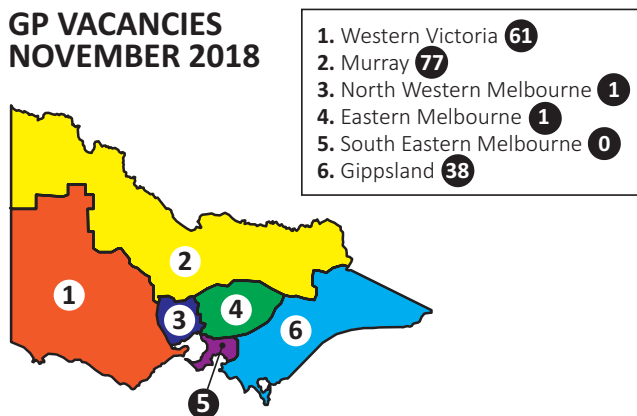
How healthy are our children?

The health and wellbeing of children is critical in their development and establishing the foundation to succeed in life.

Immunisation Rates at 5 years^C

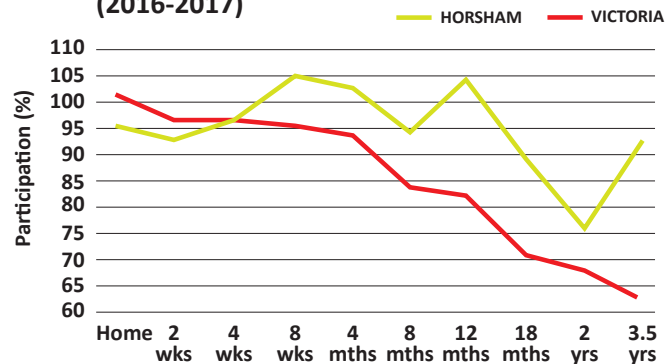


GP VACANCIES NOVEMBER 2018



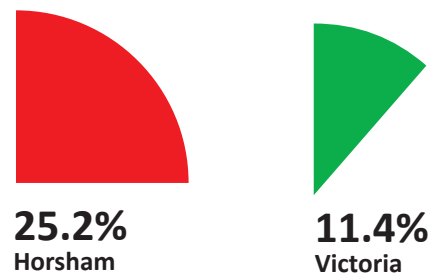
The Wimmera has experienced a significant issue in GPs. This remains an issue and is a key advocacy item for HRCC.

MCHN KEY AGE/STAGE VISIT PARTICIPATION (2016-2017)



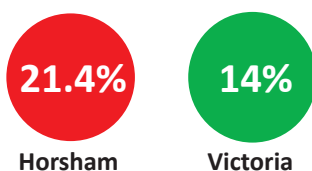
MCHN Key age/stage visit participation: Horsham is above 90% for the first 12 months and above 75% 18 months to 3.5 years. There is a general downward trend of participation as age increases (also reflected in Victorian average figures).

Women who smoked during pregnancy^D



Education Readiness

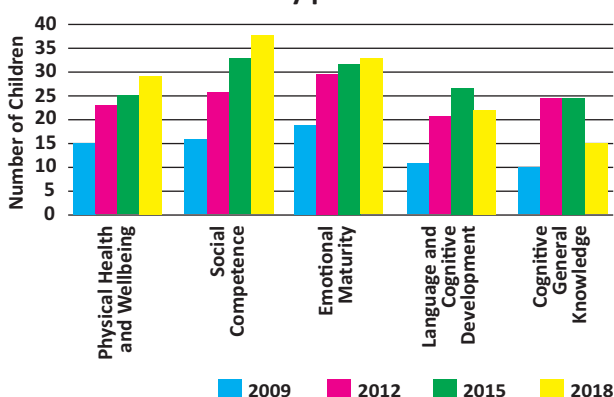
Speech and language concerns on school entry 2017^A



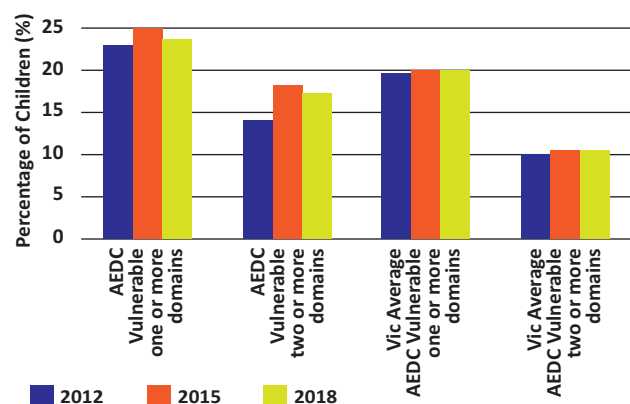
31 Children identified by teachers as requiring further assessment in 2018 (e.g. medical and physical, behavior management, emotional and cognitive development). This is the same number as in 2015 and almost double that in 2012.^E

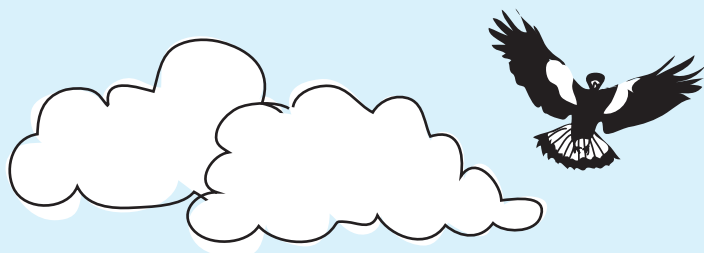
The development of Horsham children:

AEDC Vulnerability per domain 2009–2018



AEDC Vulnerability 2012–2018 Horsham Vs Vic Average





Community

Family experience

Family experiences, living conditions and the sociodemographic experiences of the family all heavily influence a child's health, wellbeing and learning throughout life.

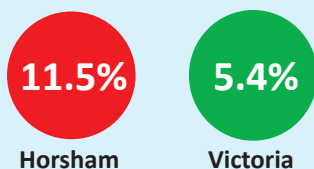
Some environmental factors:

Horsham has consistently had the highest rate of family violence incidents in the Grampians Region (2011 to 2016). Since 2012, Horsham has consistently been the top 10 worst performing Local Government Areas across the state. ^F

In general, children are present in **1 out of every 3** family violence cases reported to police ^G

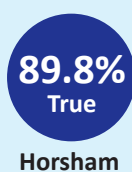
Children subject to care and protection orders ^I

(Rate per 1,000 children aged 0–17 years)



27 children whose parents reported having high levels of family stress in past month. ^I

This child is regularly read to/encouraged in his/her reading at home: ^E (Response by teacher)

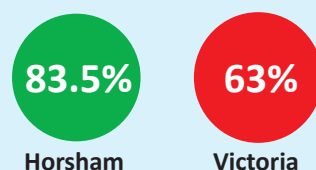


Being part of a community can have a positive effect on mental health and emotional wellbeing. This in turn influences positive parenting and child development leading to more positive outcomes for families.

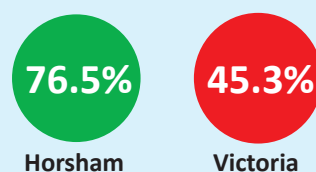
Horsham Rural City Council has a strong commitment to social connection and open space and priorities are outlined in the Horsham Rural City Health and Wellbeing Plan.

It is increasingly recognized that a person's health may be affected by where they live. Living in neighbourhoods with low levels of pollution and with easy access to shopping facilities, basic services, good parks, play spaces and affordable transport can have a positive influence on the lives of family.

People are willing to help each other – Horsham 2015 ^J



This is a close-knit neighbourhood – Horsham 2015 ^J



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